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SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் approved plays என்று சொன்னார். Approved plays என்றால் என்ன என்பதை விளக்குவாரா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The plays are approved by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that Malayalam actors have been engaged for this purpose and they have already entered into contracts with the Government of India to enact these dramas under the Second Five-Year Plan? If so, why not similar opportunity be given to Tamil actors to enact the same kind of dramas to popularize them in Tamil Nad? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not know what the hon. member means. In the scheme of the Government of India it has been recently stated that under the Song Drama Unit, a provision for plays produced through State Government in the form of a subsidy of not less than Rs. 1,500 would be made available to the State Governments for arranging performances in their regions. The details of the scheme have not been sent to us and we are awaiting the details."

(* 1795 *Q*.—Appears after question No. 1802.)

Government Hydrogenation Factory, Kozhikode

* 1796 *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Government have decided to sell the Hydrogenation Factory erected at Kozhikode ; and

(*b*) the exact amount invested by the Government on this factory?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) As a number of private units of the hydrogenation industry are working and this industry is established, there is no need for the State Government competing with the private sector in such a consumer-goods industry. The factory is therefore proposed to be sold or leased.

" (*b*) An expenditure of Rs. 18,39,223 has been incurred on the factory up to 30th November 1954."

Distinction between Hindu and Christian Harijans

* 1797 *Q*.—DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Tamilnad Harijan Catholic Christians Association requesting the Government to remove the distinction between the Hindu Harijans and Christians of Harijan origin; and

(b) what steps, if any, the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Civil Supplies lorries at Bobbili

* 1798 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Civil Supply lorries of this State were stationed at Bobbili after 1st October 1953, and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the lorries have been used after 1st October 1953 to this date;

(c) whether any staff connected with that Unit were retrenched, and if so, how many and from when;

(d) how many lorries there are at present and the staff deputed to look after the same;

(e) whether a sum of Rs. 80,000 had been drawn at Madras towards the cost of purchase of spare parts and for repairs to the lorries stationed there during the period from December 1953 to May 1954; and

(f) whether any double payment has been made to any firm at Bobbili and whether it was brought to the notice of the Government recently, and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Thirty-one Civil Supplies lorries were at Bobbili after 1st October 1953 for movement of rice allotted to the State from Orissa.

" (b) The lorries were put off the road on 31st October 1953. They were however continued to be stationed at Bobbili as there was a proposal to lift some stocks of rice by lorries.

" (c) The following staff of the Unit were retrenched with effect from 20th December 1954 :—

(i) Upper Division Clerk	1
(ii) Fitters	2
(iii) Driver	1

" (d) All the 31 lorries referred to are now at Bobbili. The staff looking after the Unit at present is as follows :—

(i) Assistant Transport Officer	1
(ii) Senior Foreman	1
(iii) Driver	1
(iv) Cleaners	2
(v) Watchmen	2